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New Doctor Chair appointed for 2002-03 academic year


The Graduate School and Professional Programs announces the appointment of Karen Peltz Strauss as the Powrie V. Doctor Chair of Deaf Studies for the 2002-03 academic year, effective in September.

The new Doctor Chair brings a wealth of experience in telecommunications access for deaf people in the U.S. From 1999-2001, Peltz Strauss was the deputy bureau chief at the Federal Communications Commission, and prior to that position she was legal counsel for telecommunications policy at the National Association of the Deaf. She also plans to complete a book documenting the history and scope of the telecommunications access

movement for deaf and hard of hearing people in America.

Peltz Strauss is well acquainted with the Gallaudet community, having served as supervising attorney for the former National Center for Law and Deafness at Gallaudet from 1984 to 1996.

In her various roles, Peltz Strauss has been one of the chief advocates for increased telecommunications access by the deaf community. Thus, she is in a unique position to report on the extraordinary developments that have occurred over the last 20 years.

Peltz Strauss's office will be located in the Department of Communication Studies. 




(From left:) Larisa Aranbayeva, Micah Brown, and Sophie-Shifra Gold, lead Gallaudet Hillel's Passover Seder on March 28 in Dawes House. Approximately 36 students, staff, and faculty attended the Seder, which is the first time in recent memory Jewish students have celebrated the holiday on campus. Brown said, "The experience to everyone was very positive. The whole thing was an enjoyable experience for everyone involved." It was a big week for the Hillel chapter: It was featured in an article in the March 26 issue of *The Washington Post* about the revival of the University's chapter, which has been dormant for many years, and about the support the group has been getting from other organizations. On April 9, the chapter honored Holocaust Remembrance Day, and has been planning other events for the remainder of the semester.

Graduate Fellowship Fund applications due April 20

The Gallaudet University Alumni Association announces that applications are due by April 20 for the Graduate Fellowship Fund, which assists deaf and hard of hearing students with financial needs who are enrolled in doctoral or terminal studies at their accredited universities. Since 1968, the fund has provided financial assistance to 149 students who pursue further education at institutions outside Gallaudet University.

To be eligible for the fellowships, applicants must be deaf or hard of hearing, be admitted to an accredited graduate program,

carry a full-time semester load, and have a need for financial assistance. Fellowships are awarded on an annual basis. Initial awards may be renewed for the duration of the course of study and for dissertation expenses provided that the holder of the award maintains scholastic standards.

Additional information and applications may be obtained by writing to the Graduate Fellowship Fund Committee, Peikoff Alumni House. E-mail users can send inquiries to alumni.relations@gallaudet.edu. 



(Front, from left:) Andrew Brinks, Maria Waters, Dr. Catherine Andersen, and Judith Termini, staff members of the First Year Experience Program, are presented with the first Pillar of Performance Award by Interim Associate Dean of the Center for Academic Programs and Student Services Eileen Matthews and College of Arts and Sciences Dean Jane Dillehay. The award was given to the CAPSS unit that made the most progress on its strategic plan for the 2002 fiscal year.

Gumina named new women's soccer coach

By Richard Coco

Athletic Director James DeStefano has hired Sarah Gumina to coach the women's soccer team. She becomes the school's second-ever women's soccer coach.

Gumina served as an assistant coach this past season under Elijah Gold, who was named head coach of the men's soccer team earlier this year. She also has a strong background as a player, having spent two years at the University of Central Florida before transferring to the University of South Florida. Both schools field Division I programs.

A native of Orlando, Fla.,

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Sarah Gumina



Workers from Clark Construction Co. lay the foundation for the new bleachers at Hotchkiss Field. The project, which is expected to be finished this summer, will include a press box, concession stand, and restrooms. The size and capacity of the new bleachers will be about the same as the former ones, but will sit higher to afford spectators an improved view of the playing field.



CLERC CENTER HAPPENINGS

MSSD raises international awareness

By Jennifer Hinger

For a week in March, the Model Secondary School for the Deaf (MSSD) was transformed into a hub of international activity, with everything from students sampling the spongy bread of Ethiopia, to seeing up close the traditional costumes of China, to being able to ask natives about the culture and deaf community of Bangladesh.

The activities were part of the school's third annual International Awareness Week. Guests, including students from Gallaudet's English Language Institute program, provided presentations on their native countries' customs, clothing, food and drink, people, opportunities, deaf community, flags, languages, religions, and inventions. Another night's activities entailed watching international-themed movies, such as *Anna and the King*, *Chocolat*, and *I Dreamed of Africa*.

A fashion show also took

place, with MSSD students donning the traditional costumes of Africa, Iran, Mexico, Ireland, Germany, Poland, Russia, Spain, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Pakistan, and other places. The week closed with international cuisine sampling featuring traditional dishes from various countries, such as sopapillas of Argentina, Scottish cookies, Polish sausage, Caesar salad of Italy, Japanese sushi, and Haitian red beans and rice and fried pork.

"I believe that International Awareness Week is really important," said Yola Rozynek, residential educator at MSSD for performing arts, and coordinator of the week's activities. "Our students and staff should try to understand other cultures—to respect diversity. Learning about other countries opens their eyes to life and gives them a glimpse of the beauty and traditions that other countries around the world can offer." 



Walter Paul Kelley (left) and Tony Landon McGregor, author and illustrator, respectively, for *Victory Week*, a children's book about Deaf President

Now, sign a copy of their book for Alice Hagemeyer on March 29 in the Gallaudet Bookstore, where the book is now available for sale.

NOTES FROM PERSONNEL

Service awards for March:

Five years:

Nebiyu Nega, facilities support staff assistant, Business Services

Fifteen years:

Mary Weiner, associate professor, Psychology

Twenty years:

Leroy Cofield, maintenance mechanic II, Maintenance Services

Thirty years:

Mary Alter, administrative assistant, Business Services

New employees hired in March:

Roy Barlow, staff residential assistant, Residence Life; **Tysha Battle**, staff residential assistant, Residence Life; **Adrienne**

Campbell, administrative secretary II, Student Center; **Steven Hammel**, driver, Transportation

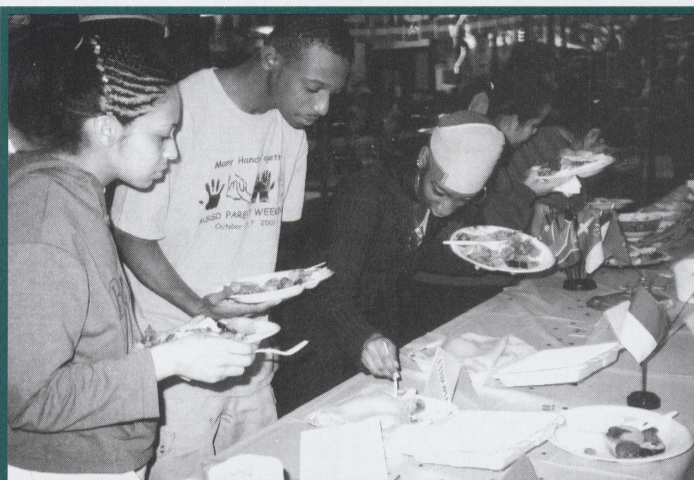
Promotions in March:

Kenneth Cain, acting supervisor, Maintenance Services; **Suzu McKenzie**, secretary/technical support specialist, Information Technology Services; **Dennis Naber**, acting supervisor, Maintenance Services; **Marc Schweitzer**, acting supervisor, Maintenance Services

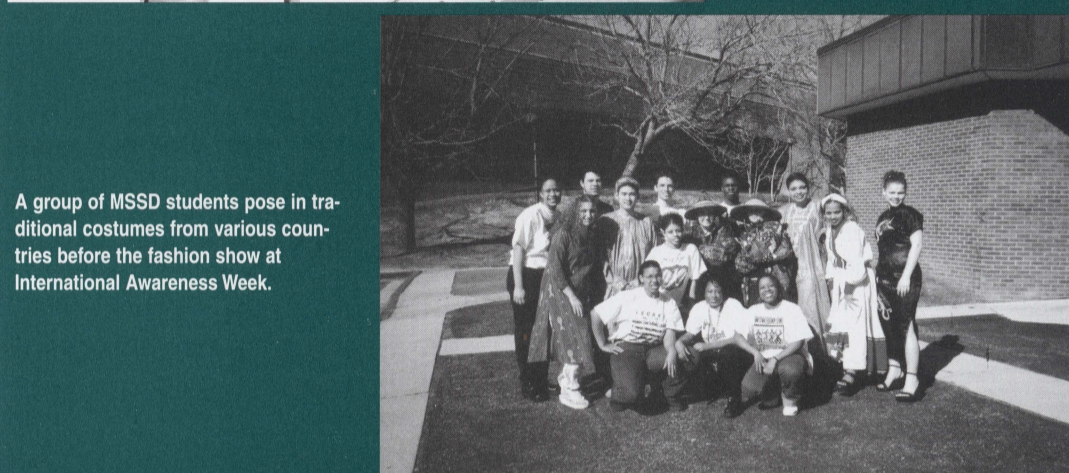
Retirements in March:

Mary Lou Foster, Physical Plant Administration; **Kenneth Massie**, Utilities Services

(NOTE: Dr. Ronald Sutcliffe retired as dean of the former School of Management. He was incorrectly listed as retiring from the Department of Business.)



MSSD students Patricia Rivas, Matt Osbourne, and Millissa Marques sample Ethiopian food during MSSD's International Awareness Week.



A group of MSSD students pose in traditional costumes from various countries before the fashion show at International Awareness Week.



Gallaudet webmaster Hatim Vali and his wife, Gallaudet student Gausia Huq-Vali, talk about their home countries of Pakistan and Bangladesh during MSSD's International Awareness Week presentations; in the background, Yaara Brahm, a substitute teacher at MSSD, waits for her turn to present about Israel.



DWII Fact

Over 5,600 people had registered for Deaf Way II as of April 1, and the number continues to grow every day. The registration fee for DWII increased on April 1, but a good way to go to DWII events for a reduced cost or free is to become a volunteer. There are still volunteer opportunities available before, during, and after the July 8-13 event. Anyone who is interested in volunteering or has questions may contact Mary Anne Pugin, DWII volunteer coordinator, at volunteer@deafway.org.

Emilia Chukwuma, associate professor of accounting, helps Amy Thomas prepare her 2001 tax forms in 'Ole Jim'. The preparation of individual state and federal income tax return forms as well as non-residential tax forms for non-U.S. citizens by students in the "Federal Income Tax" class has been held free of charge as a service to the campus community for the past five years. Chukwuma, a CPA, reviews all the students' work to ensure that there are no errors. This year attracted the largest number of campus clients—over 300—during the March 26-27 event.



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(stoo • dant • soar • us) n. 1. a special breed of inquisitive men and women who Gallaudet recruits, retains, and educates. 2. pizza-eaters.

Grace Cooney: dancing for a semester



Grace Cooney

The Gallaudet Dance Company has had the opportunity to nurture and train hundreds of dancers over its 47 year history, but having Grace Cooney in the company, has been different.

That is because Cooney, a hearing exchange student from Oberlin College in Ohio, which has an exchange program with Gallaudet, has been dancing for 10 years. Cooney's focus is modern dance and ballet, and she is sharing her knowledge with the Dance Company.

"There are so many strengths with the company," said Cooney. "Especially with the dedication of the two directors, Diane Hottendorf and Sue-Gill Doleac." But there is always room for

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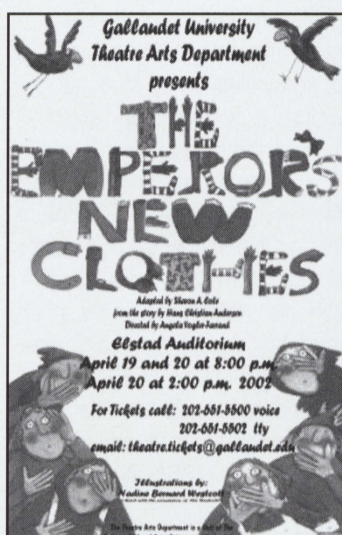
Evon Black, coordinator of residence education, performed "Girlfriend Talk," covering facts about women, women's voting rights, and the many contributions women have made to society, at a March 29 Women's History Month event held in the HMB Atrium. Black's presentation was sponsored by the Campus Activities Office.

Theatre Arts presents 'The Emperor's New Clothes'

Have you ever been with a young child in a crowded place, only to have the child loudly point out something somewhat embarrassing about another person? Young children have such an innocence about them that they do not fear speaking the truth.

This is the theme of Hans Christian Anderson's classic tale, *The Emperor's New Clothes*. In this story, two swindlers, Snip and Tuck, pose as tailors to sell luxurious clothes to the Emperor Velvet. The emperor becomes so involved in their trickery that he is willing to sacrifice his castle, friends, and even his wife and children. Everyone delights in watching the pompous, selfish emperor parading around in his underwear. The 'tailors' pull the wool over everyone's eyes until one child speaks up and the fools are uncovered at last.

This version of the timeless tale is adapted by Sharon Cole and directed by Theatre Arts Department assistant professor Angela Farrand. Performances are April 19 and 20 at 8 p.m. and April 20 at 2 p.m. in Elstad Auditorium. Tickets are \$6 for stu-



dents with I.D. and \$8 for everyone else. Tickets can be ordered by phone, x5502 (TTY) or x5500 (V), through the Theatre Arts Department's website:

<http://depts.gallaudet.edu/theatre/events/events.html>. Tickets must be picked up no later than 30 minutes before the start of the performance—any tickets that have not been picked up will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

Box Office hours are: April 8-12, 2-5 p.m.; April 15-18, 2-5 p.m.; April 19, 2-8 p.m.; and April 20, 12-8 p.m. **G**

AMONG OURSELVES

Participating at the annual meeting of The Conference on College Communication and Composition March 21-23 in Chicago, Ill., were English professors **Pia Seagrave** and **Tonya Stremlau** and instructor **Paige Schumaker**. Dr. Seagrave gave a poetry reading as part of the "Exultation of the Larks" celebration and co-chaired a poetry writing workshop with Dr. Mary Minock of Madonna University in Detroit, Mich. Dr. Stremlau and Schumaker participated in a workshop, "Versions of Reality: Textual Intersections Between Feminine/Feminist Discourse(s) and the Street." Schumaker also spoke at a roundtable, "Feminists Use of Language: Shaping Perceptions of Themselves and the World." Stremlau was a featured speaker for the "Images of Women in the Media" portion of the workshop. Her topic was "The Ideal Women: Deaf Women in Media Texts." She also chaired a session on "Electronic Texts: The Information Highway and Its Impact on Deaf Writers," speaking on "Instant Messaging and the Deaf Discourse Community." At this session, Schumaker spoke on "Writing Essays in the Age of Electronic Mail." Stremlau also chaired a session, "Teachers of Writing for the Deaf and Hard of

Hearing," speaking on "Using Deaf Texts to Encourage Deaf Writers." At this session, Schumaker presented a topic entitled "Connecting Street Talk to Print: Translating Deaf Students' Comments to Print."

Seagrave will be working with poet Andrew Hudgins in the Sewanee Writers' Conference at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn., July 14-28, followed by the 25th Annual Appalachian Writers Workshop at the Hindman Settlement School in Hindman, Ky., from July 28 to August 4, where she will co-chair the poetry workshop. Seagrave has also been accepted for a month-long writer's residency at the Vermont Studio Center in Johnson, Vt., in January.

Mary Thornley, Powrie V. Doctor Chair of Deaf Studies for 2000-01, has donated a number of her paintings to the Office of the Dean of the Graduate School and Professional Programs. The portraits of members of the campus community, entitled "Faces of Gallaudet," were Thornley's Doctor Chair project. They are currently on display throughout the Dean's Offices and the Provost's Offices on the fourth floor of HMB.

WHAT'S HAPPENING... AND WHEN

April:

12-Baseball vs. Lancaster Bible College, 1 p.m., (two games); Softball vs. Christendom College, 1 p.m.

14-Baseball vs. Chesapeake College, 1 p.m. (two games)

15-Course registration for fall 2002 semester for currently enrolled graduate students

16-Tennis vs. Trinity College, 3 p.m.; Awards Day: Celebrating our Community of Excellence—annual presentation of awards for excellence in academics, leadership, and community service, 4 p.m., GUKCC Ballroom and Auditorium, for more information call x5829 or e-mail arlene.kelly@gallaudet.edu

17-English Works!, FYS, and The Tutorial Center present the Academic Survival Skills Workshop Series: "How to Take Great Classroom Notes," presented by James Akridge and Rhonda Madden, HMB N203, 12 p.m., for more information call x7283 or e-mail cori.dickens@gallaudet.edu; Chinese Characters and Signs Workshop Series: Session 10—centering around the short story: "Birthday Party" (Birthday Celebrations), 12-1 p.m., HMB Room N206, for more information, call x5560 or e-mail mark.weinberg@gallaudet.edu

19-Health Fair—open to the

campus community and the Ivy City/Trinidad community, offering a variety of health screenings such as cholesterol count and blood pressure readings, information on health issues, and exercise and nutrition demonstrations, GUKCC garage area, 2-7 p.m., for more information, call x5075 or e-mail connie.allen@gallaudet.edu, sponsored by Student Health Service and the Wellness Program

20-23-National High School Academic Bowl: first- and second-place winners from each of the five regions will be competing in the national competition at Gallaudet, GUKCC, for more information check the web site at academicbowl.gallaudet.edu, call x5338, or e-mail debra.lawson@gallaudet.edu

20-Baseball vs. Philadelphia Bible College, 1 p.m. (two games)

21-Baseball vs. Columbia Union, 1 p.m. (two games)

24-Chinese Characters and Signs Workshop Series: Session 11—centering around the Tang poems "Chun Xiao" and "Jing Ye Si," HMB N206, 12-1 p.m., for more information, call x5560 or e-mail mark.weinberg@gallaudet.edu

25-Baseball vs. Valley Forge College, 1 p.m. (two games)

Gallaudet Dance Company Presents



The Gallaudet Dance Company presents its 47th annual dance concert, "Dancing in the Seventh House," April 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. The Dance Company will perform a variety of pieces using genres such as hip-hop jazz, tap, modern dance, and signs combined with dance. The show is dedicated to the men, women, and children who were affected by the events of September 11. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and senior citizens, and free for full-time Gallaudet students with I.D. To purchase tickets, call x5493 or x5591. The Elstad Box Office will be open April 22-26 from 3-6 p.m. The event is sponsored by The Department of Physical Education and Recreation.



ASK AUNT SOPHIE

Dear Aunt Sophie,

I've noticed signs appearing everywhere nowadays. There's a new sign on a campus bathroom trashcan that says, "Paper Only! No Food!" Why? Is an empty bag of potato chips or a half-eaten peanut butter sandwich offensive to some noses? I don't think so. There are even signs on microwaves telling people what they can and can't cook, e.g., "No Fish!" What if I happen to like fish. Don't I have a right to heat it up in the common microwave? Who are these people putting signs on everything? They are eyesores. Down with signs!

Anonymous

Dear Anon,

Aunty shares your bitter angst regarding campus signage, though recently her concern is directed more at the wording of certain signs than at their intent. For example, there is a notice below the magazine rack in our beloved Bookstore that says: "Reading Magazines...Not Permitted." No one denies the right of the Bookstore to prohibit

patrons from standing around aimlessly leafing through *Newsweek* or *Sports Illustrated*, but it's a pity it must be done using such inhospitable language.

Now to your immediate issues: unacceptable refuse in lavatory trash receptacles and odiferous edibles in the office microwave. In the first case, one must agree that it is unwise to leave food in an office or washroom trashcan for any length of time given our—ahem—large brown-bug-with-beady-eyes and furry rodent populations.

However, the fish-in-the-microwave situation is different, because what may offend one person's olfactory sense may be intensely pleasurable to another's. It's one of those quirks that keep us from becoming carbon copies of one another. (All those who remember using carbon paper, raise their hands.)

The point is, neither of the signs you mention would be necessary if the people involved had first chatted with one another about the issues the signs address. I for one would not mind one bit forgoing warmed up monogoose livers over sauerkraut if I knew that by merely smelling the concoction my colleagues were forced to the nearest vomitorium. Communicate. Be flexible. Compromise.

work for it. It can't happen overnight."

Gumina hopes that by improving the on-field product, she can attract players that might not think of coming to Gallaudet otherwise. "Deaf individuals who go to hearing schools and don't play might want to be here if they could be part of a good team," she reasoned.

For now, Gumina said she has a simple goal for the 2002 season: "To win more games than last year; to improve in general." **G**

Sarah Gumina

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Gumina relocated to Washington, D.C., specifically to become an assistant coach for the Bison women's team. "I want to get the program off and running and improve it until it gets to where it should be," said Gumina, who identified her main priorities as improving skills and teamwork. "I know they have the potential to do what they want but they have to

Grace Cooney

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improvement, and Cooney with her experience shares her suggestions. "I would like to see more intense choreographic opportunities for the students, as well as exploring other dance forms," she said.

Cooney, who is here only for the spring semester before returning to Ohio, has ambitious plans for the future of America's deaf schools. "I think dancing is a very important way of expressing oneself. It would be fantastic to see more deaf schools have dance programs," she said, adding, "Kendall and MSSD already have wonderful programs." Cooney's plans are to set up a dance program at a school, then hire someone who is dedicated and skilled to run the program, and then move onto another school, repeating the cycle.

At Gallaudet, even if she has been here for just one semester, Cooney has learned more than she anticipated by being in a role reversal, being a minority student on campus. It wasn't this way when she first arrived, though. "My first week at Gallaudet I was so lonely and isolated. I felt what deaf people experience when they are in that situation." It hasn't been easy. "I frequently called

my sister and cried." But, Cooney stuck it out. "I slowly made friends, and have been having a great time at Gallaudet. I love it here, and I am not sure I want to go home," she said.

Cooney's experience at Gallaudet has been enlightening for her. "I've learned that there is a lot of miscommunication between the deaf and hearing worlds. I now have the opportunity to close that gap." There have been other areas where Cooney

has experienced personal growth. "I've learned to sit back and not jump into situations that I don't understand yet. I've learned to evaluate different situations, and to better use my judgment."

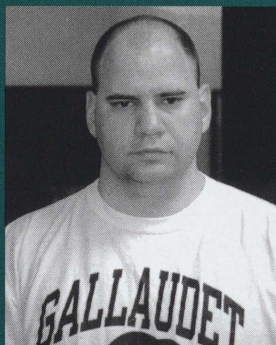
Even with her considerable involvement with the Gallaudet Dance Company, Cooney is busy with her studies. She has two majors, dance and black studies, and is also minoring in sociology. **G**



A team from Gallaudet's Transportation Department continued the University's string of wins in a nationwide safe driving contest, placing fourth in the 2002 National Special Needs Team Safety Rodeo for school bus drivers. Lawrence Curtis, a driver in the department, who participated for the third time, and Tonya Gamble, Transportation's administrative assistant—who also holds a commercial drivers license—acted as Curtis's bus attendant, competing against 23 registered teams on March 2 in Fort Worth, Tex. The annual event, sponsored by the Pupil Transportation Safety Institute, tests drivers' skills and knowledge, putting them through a full day of driving exercises and safety drills.

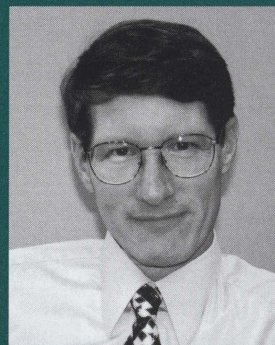
ROVING REPORTER

Dr. Barry Crouch, a professor in the Department of Government and History, who died March 13, was a noted educator. A 22-year employee of the University, Crouch was named Distinguished Faculty Member of the Year in 1995. He was internationally recognized for his research and writings on Texas history during Reconstruction. What do you remember most about Dr. Crouch?



Joseph Homberg, student:

I had taken several of his classes over a couple of years. He was a unique professor and one of the best I ever had. He had a big impact on me and I learned A LOT from him. I believe with him gone, it is a big loss to Gallaudet University because of his great personality and vast knowledge.



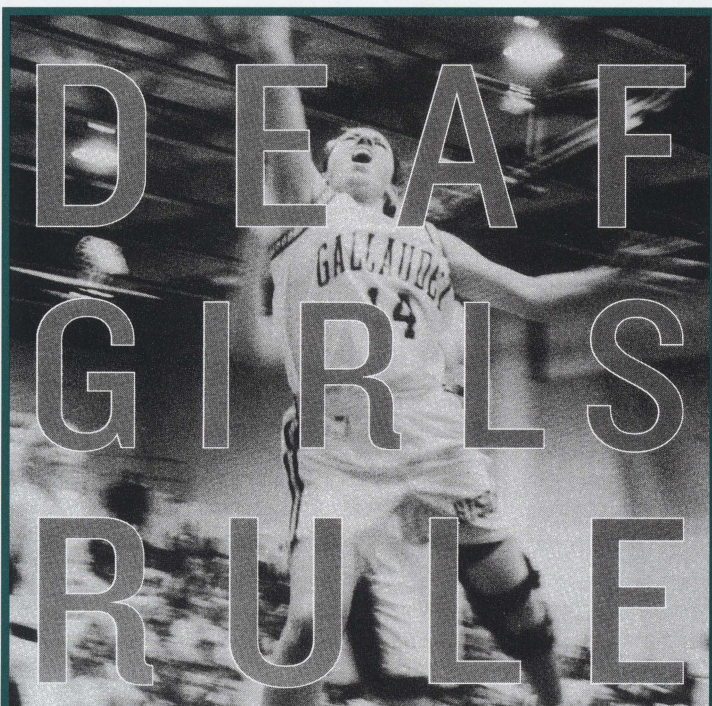
Dr. John Vickrey Van Cleve, director, ITS and Gallaudet Press:

Dr. Barry Crouch was one of the best teachers the History Department ever had, based on student evaluations. He was a little bit different than most teachers. He treated all students like adults—sharing his historical research with them and using a lot of adult language (meaning that he swore a lot)—and when the students didn't perform to adult standards, he chewed them out. During our History Department meetings, when I was department chairman, he usually wasn't paying attention to the discussions of curriculum or budget or similar boring stuff. He just wanted to get out of there and go back to either teaching or writing, and he made his feelings obvious to me. Barry showed a lot of Gallaudet students that American History can be an exciting subject. He was a kind man and a good friend who we all will miss.



Rosa Mann, executive secretary, Department of Athletics:

I have very fond memories of Dr. Crouch, Dr. Robert Williams, and myself meeting once, sometimes twice a week at the movie theater in the evenings after work. For several years we each saw 100-150 movies a year while rating them for our colleagues when asked. There was also a traditional dinner together after a movie every three months.



A book signing party with refreshments will be held April 12 in the Hall of Fame Room of the Field House from 3:30 to 5 p.m. for *Deaf Girls Rule*, the book that celebrates the 1999 champion Gallaudet women's basketball team. Players, coaches, and photographers will be available to autograph copies of the book, which will be offered at a 20 percent discount.